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Memorandum of Conversation

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Participants: Mr. Henrik de Kauffmann, Danish Ambassador
Mr. Bruce
Mr. Byrns (BNA)
Willard L. Thorp (E)

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The Ambassador outlined briefly the history of the Danish claims in connection with certain ships and in particular the present situation in the discussion of settlement with the Justice Department. He asked Mr. Bruce to help in any way that he could. Mr. Bruce said that he had great sympathy with the Danes in connection with the problem and would consider what there was which the State Department could do.

The Ambassador then spoke briefly of the problem created by the maturity of certain loans and the hope on the part of the Danish Government that it might find some way of avoiding going into default. In particular, he suggested the hope on the part of the Danish Government that some refunding operation might be possible in connection with the Export-Import Bank. Mr. Thorp pointed out that there were very real difficulties in connection with the undertaking of such an operation by the Export-Import Bank. The Ambassador presented an aide memoire on the subject, and Mr. Bruce said that he would be glad to see that it was carefully examined.

Willard L. Thorp

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